



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

To FYP-DC Members and Friends,

2006 will be an exciting year! The 2006 e-board of Jhoana Pajarillo, Abby Camacho, Linette Lucero and I have planned a calendar filled with social, professional and community events.

**Several changes you will notice starting January 1, 2006:**

1. FYP-DC will have a quarterly newsletter of upcoming events, member profiles and other DC community/social groups
2. Membership dues will be cut in half from \$20 to \$10
3. Membership payment and forms can be completed online
4. FYP-DC e-board will establish and distribute performance measures on the number of members, revenue and events so that the FYP-DC membership can be more informed. We want our General Body Meetings to be an interactive dialogue of how FYP-DC is doing and a forum on ways to make the organization better.

An important initiative this year is membership. By cutting dues, we hope to increase the amount of paid members. But what do you get out of becoming a member or renewing your membership? The Executive Council has established an Event Pricing Model. For FYP-DC sponsored events, it will be cheaper for you to attend as a member than not. For example, if you wish to participant in our 3rd Annual Speed Dating Night, FYP-DC members will pay half the price than non-members. When FYP-DC co-hosts an event where you are the first 4 members to come, then FYP-DC will buy you a beer. Bottom line: as a member, you get a significant savings for quality events, and your dues pay themselves off in as little as 2 events. This can only work if FYP-DC plans enough diverse events for you to come and enjoy.

**These are the scheduled events (dates/events subject to change):**

**January Kick Off Party, February Speed Dating Night and Happy Hour, March Professional Mentoring Night, Metro Dinners (Multiple Events Throughout Year), Hockey Night, Happy Hours with other Professional Groups, June Philippine Independence Kick Off Party and Events(Gala Ball, V-Ball Tourney, Parade), Race for the Cure, July Tailgate Party at Nationals, August - 2nd Annual Pool and Picnic, Old Town Ghost Tour, Wine Tasting Trips (transportation provide), Café Asia Halloween Night AND MUCH MORE!**

If this is the type organization you want to be a part of, please pay your dues, come out and tell your friends. Happy New Year.

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**Good News! Membership Dues are \$10!**

**Membership has its rewards!**  
**Interested in becoming a member of FYP-DC?**

To renew your dues or to become a member, simply complete the membership form and submit \$10 for annual dues. The membership form can be found on the Members" area of <http://www.fypdc.org>. You may email your form or submit your dues via Paypal to [info@fypdc.org](mailto:info@fypdc.org). Please note that for Paypal payments, we are unable to accept credit/debit cards.

Membership forms and payments can also be mailed to:  
**Filipino Young Professionals of Washington, DC**  
**P.O. Box 100243**  
**Arlington, VA 22210**

Please forward any comments or questions to Jhoana Pajarillo, Treasurer, [jhoanafyp@gmail.com](mailto:jhoanafyp@gmail.com). Thank you. Jhoana



**New to DC? Try the International Spy Museum**

The International Spy Museum is the first public museum in the world solely dedicated to the tradecraft, history, and contemporary role of espionage. The museum features the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display. Spanning the history of espionage around the globe, many of these artifacts can now be seen by the public for the first time.

Visit [www.spymuseum.org](http://www.spymuseum.org) for more information

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**WHY STOP NOW?**

Take advantage of this EXCELLENT reason to  
CONTINUE YOUR NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION!

Filipino Young Professionals (FYP-DC) along with AllOutParty.com  
Cordially invite you and your friends to the

**\*\*GET LUCKY NEW YEAR'S BASH\*\***  
—The FYP-DC 2006 Kick-Off Party—

FRIDAY the 13th is now  
YOUR LUCKY NIGHT  
to start your New Year's RIGHT!

**Panache**

1725 Desales Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
off Connecticut Avenue  
(across from the Mayflower Hotel)  
near Farragut North & West metros



**Drink Specials All Night!**

\$3 Kamikazes, \$3 Infused Vodka, \$4 Miller Light, \$4 Sangria,  
\$3 SoCo Lime



2006 FYP-DC Members  
(YOU MUST HAVE PAID YOUR 2006 DUES):  
You and 1 Guest (must include name) FREE  
until midnight and \$10 afterwards

2006 FYP-DC General Admission:  
FREE until 11:00pm and \$10 afterwards

Event Questions, Comments or RSVP to:  
[ecarma\\_victor@yahoo.com](mailto:ecarma_victor@yahoo.com) or  
[linette\\_fypdc@hotmail.com](mailto:linette_fypdc@hotmail.com)  
by January 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Noon  
(Please Specify RSVP as FYP Member  
or General Admission).

**Pay Your Dues online**  
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FYP-DC Speed Dating and Happy Hour

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 6:30 – 9:00  
**Guarapo** (2nd Floor)  
2039 Wilson Bouvelard, Arlington, Virginia

by Linette Lucero

If you happened to miss our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FYP-DC Speedating event last October, you will get another chance in our upcoming speed dating event in February. Our events have been very successful due to all the support we get from our fabulous FYP-DC community, and some lovely and happy couples have resulted from our efforts!

For those of you who are not familiar with speed dating, just imagine having about 20 dates in an hour, in a very chic and romantic atmosphere. Each couple has about 5 minutes to get to know each other. When everyone has met, people write down the names of the people that they thought were hot! FYP will later send out emails to all participants with contact information of interested parties. No contact information is given out at the event and all information is confidential! This has been one of our most fun and well-attended events in the last few years, so don't miss out on your chance to meet great people, new friends and possible, a new love.

So if you're looking for romance, be sure to put FYP-DC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Speed Dating event on your calendar: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM: Members \$2 and Non-Members \$5. See you all there!!!

### Alternative Spring Break

by Felix Prasarn

Eight young adults travel to Argentina completing various tasks and challenges before the day's end. The next reality show? How about your next Spring Break trip?

In March 2005 I went on a Missionary trip to Argentina with a church group associated with GWU and St. Stephens. The entire trip was an adventure in the best sense of the word. I was only expecting to find reward in a job well done building and fixing but I returned with so much more. Our tasks were manageable and fulfilling but what really made our time enjoyable was spending time with the children.

The start of the trip was easily quantified by money, weight, and what to bring but the end of the trip was immeasurable. No one was voted off, no one was fired. Instead, everyone had improved their reality.

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### FYP-DC Female Profile

**Name:** Jenny Dizon

**Where are you from originally?**

I'm from the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. I was born in Norfolk and lived there for 12 years. I lived in Virginia Beach for the next 12 years.

**What do you do professionally?** I'm an Executive Assistant at the Potomac Officers Club / Executive Biz

[www.potomacofficersclub.com](http://www.potomacofficersclub.com), [www.executivebiz.com](http://www.executivebiz.com)

**What do you do for fun?**

Lately for fun, I've been exploring the DC nightlife, eating at different restaurants and taking full advantage of the malls. I've also been meeting new people and hanging out with old friends whom I haven't seen in a while.

**Why did you join FYP-DC?**

I'm joining FYP-DC because I am proud of our Filipino American culture and history. I have always been active in the Fil Am community in Hampton Roads, and making an impact in the DC Fil Am community will be a new and fulfilling endeavor.

**Who was the first FYP-DC person you met?**

The first few people I met at an FYP-DC event were Marsha Galicia, Theresa Malanum, and Yorick Jurani. I also met Vince Marcelo, Reggie Esteban and Joe Montano while I was back home.

**Will you be participating in FYP-DC's Third Annual Speed Dating Night in February? Why or Why not?**

No, I won't be participating in the FYP-DC's Speed Dating Night because I'm sure my boyfriend won't approve of me doing so. I'll just observe and take part in the Happy Hour.

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### FYP-DC Male Profile

**Name:** Jude Escaño, D.O., CPT

**Where are you from originally?**

I was born and raised in Cleveland, OH.

**What do you do professionally?**

I am a 3rd year, active duty military family practice resident at DeWitt Army Community Hospital in Fort Belvoir, VA. I take care of retired military personnel, active duty soldiers, and their family members. It is an honor to care of the soldiers who sacrifice their lives for us and our country.

**What do you do for fun?**

I enjoy spending quality time with my wife, playing any sport, watching football, Texas Hold'em, and hanging out with friends.

**Why did you join FYP-DC?**

Meeting Filipinos and learning more about our wonderful culture were two of my goals when I moved to Virginia. Once I learned about FYP, I knew that this organization would allow me to accomplish these goals. Joining FYP has been nothing but a positive experience for me.

**Who was the first FYP-DC person you met?**

I met 2 very important people, first: Therese Lizardo Escaño and Victor Ecarma. Therese is now my beautiful wife. She is my inspiration and catalyst to learn more about our culture and to be active in the Filipino community. Most importantly, she is my soulmate. Victor has been a great and loyal friend since the day I met him. He is a selfless person who is always willing to help anyone. He is going to do an outstanding job as president of FYP.

**Will you be participating in FYP-DC's Third Annual Speed Dating Night in February? Why or Why not?**

SORRY, I will not be a participant in FYP-DC's Third Annual Speed Dating Night in February. I have everything I could ever ask for in Wit (Therese).

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## CULTURE SHOCK

### Looking for Something Different, Fun and Good for You?

Culture Shock is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles, physical fitness, and community involvement through the power of Hip Hop music and dance. Culture Shock dancers are trained in Hip Hop and American Street Dance by national and international dance instructors who introduce new and exciting choreography at our weekly company classes. In a world where style and music are constantly changing, Culture Shock choreography remains innovative and unique, resulting in a troupe of individuals who express Hip Hop in a style all their own. Culture Shock dancers take their passion one step further by sharing their talents with the surrounding community

Culture Shock's on-going commitment to community involvement is exemplified by its Future Shock youth outreach program. Culture Shock dancers work one-on-one with Future Shock teens to offer them a positive alternative to some of the destructive influences plaguing today's youth. The program provides mentoring and free dance training to teens and youth ages 17 and under. Future Shock dancers are then given the opportunity to exhibit and showcase their talents to the community, friends, family, and peers.

### Classes

The \*Beginner/Intermediate Class\* on Wednesdays is generally beginner oriented and is therefore more suitable for those new to dancing or dancers new to hip-hop choreography style. However, those with previous dance experience may also find this class to be very helpful for building one's "hip-hop style" foundation and as choreography pick-up training.

The \*Thursday Company Class\* features a different (and sometimes, guest) instructor every week or few weeks and is the class that all Culture Shock dance troupe members are required to attend. Therefore this class gives you the opportunity to dance and kick it with the fun and friendly members of Culture Shock, D.C. Dance Troupe.

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**Professional Development Update**

by Abigail M. Camacho

Happy New Year, FYP! Welcome, 2006! For our members, prospective members and friends, we have an exciting year planned for 2006. Last year, we introduced a Peer Mentor Program to introduce new(er) members to the FYP organization, to get to know 'more senior' FYP members and to become familiar to the DC area and professional life.

Coming in March, we hope to join a Career Night hosted by the George Washington University. Shortly following this we plan on developing an Outreach Mentor Program geared towards mentoring upcoming college graduates and recent graduates. Stay tuned for details!

Other upcoming events include the re-introduction of Metro Dinners, which will feature an informal discussion of a professional development. Upcoming topics include but are not limited to -

- Marketing Yourself
- Unemployment/Underemployment Survival guide
- Corporate Culture Basics

This Friday happy hour and dinner will be followed by an evening event, which will be determined closer to the planned dinner.

If you are interested in any of the mentioned programs or events, feel free to contact Abby at [abby-fyp@comcast.net](mailto:abby-fyp@comcast.net).

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Otherwise, below are some tips on getting your new year started right and some fun facts on New Year Celebrations.

on making and keeping resolutions -

[www.goalsguy.com/Events/n\\_facts.html](http://www.goalsguy.com/Events/n_facts.html)

interactive timeline on New Years in Times Square -

[www.timessquarenyc.org/then\\_now/then\\_now\\_timeline.html](http://www.timessquarenyc.org/then_now/then_now_timeline.html)



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**May 2006 be full of joy and love for everyone. Enjoy and Peace!**

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